

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. South Vietnam

a) On Thursday, a Viet Cong directive ordered a buildup of units whose mission would be the deep penetration of the "enemy's internal positions" and the destruction of "the evil Ranger units."

b)

[redacted] the Chinese Nationalists had received unofficial requests for aid from Laos and South Vietnam. South Vietnam's most recent request was for light arms and uniforms. [redacted]

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[redacted] aid for the local militia forces--as opposed to regular defense forces--is involved and that "possibly Taipeh could provide the aid it was inconvenient for the US to provide."

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2. France-Algeria

a) The hunger strike since 2 November by Algerian rebel vice-premier Ben Bella and some 4,000 other Algerian prisoners may yet jeopardize French-Algerian negotiations.

b) Although Algerian representatives had indicated to US diplomats, in Tunis and New York, that this issue would not affect the present exchanges and that substantial progress had been made, Ben Bella has now been forcibly hospitalized. The French fear that his death would lead to the collapse of the talks.

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**2. France-Algeria (Cont'd)**

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**3. West Germany**

Foreign Office officials say that:  
a) Ambassador Kroll--being recalled to Bonn after his unauthorized initiatives to Khrushchev--would get a "severe dressing down" but only Adenauer could decide to fire him and "who knows what he plans."  
b) Kroll made another proposal to Khrushchev, not earlier reported, for better Bonn-Moscow relations, including establishment of consulates and a cultural agreement. He made his own assessment that the Soviets would make no further unilateral moves in Berlin while the prospect of negotiations remains.  
c) Soviet ambassador Smirnov, as of yesterday, had not yet seen Adenauer, but probably would before Adenauer came to the US.

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NOTES

- A. Soviet Marshal Sokolovsky, who inspected the military program in Afghanistan in October, is enroute to Morocco, presumably as the Soviet representative at the ceremonies commemorating the late King Mohammed's restoration to power in 1955.
- B. We have seen numerous reports on East German alerts, largely of East German para-military and security units, centering on a period around 15 November. We have no good information pointing to any particular internal or East-West development and are inclined to believe that the alerts are associated with military exercises in East Germany. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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- C. There appears to be another ferment of anti-Qasim activity. Qasim, however, is heavily guarded of late and is probably aware of the coup rumors. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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- D. [REDACTED] the party school run for Latin American Communists in Peiping--a six-month course for [REDACTED] party students--has been closed down as a result of Sino-Soviet differences. [REDACTED] 50X1  
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